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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed February 14, 2008, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 37-56 and 74-78. The election is made without traverse. Applicants note that product claims have been elected. Applicants understand that once a product claim is found to be allowable, method claims that depend from or otherwise include all limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined in accordance with MPEP § 821.04.

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